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CATHERINE MOULTON

Written by her daughter: Florence Andersen

Catherine Hegyessy Moulton was born in Alliance Ohio September 17, 1890 to Florence Tritt and James Hegyessy. While she was still a small child the family moved to California. Mother grew to maturity there and attended business college. She became a stenographer in a Sacramento department store.

While working there the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came to her home. She studied and prayed about the message they brought and on October 2, 1910 was baptized in the Sacramento River. The days that followed were hard ones because of the ridiculing and teasing of her friends who could not understand why she would do such a thing.

My father, A. C. Moulton, was a missionary in that district some time later. She admired him very much, and although there was no courtship, after he was released and returned home he sent her a diamond. She came to Utah and they were married May 21, 1913 in the Salt Lake Temple. To them were born five children: Florence Fern, John Barton, Delores, Adele and Addie.

Mother loved the gospel; she was active all her life in church work. She was secretary for the finance committee of the Second Ward when they were struggling to build the church. She took the Dedictory Prayer in shorthand, later transcribed it and it was placed in the corner stone of that building.

She served as secretary, treasurer and librarian of the Stake Primary Board from 1914 to 1919. She held the same position in Relief Society for a long time. She served again in the Primary, under a different president, from 1929 to 1934. During the time she served on these boards she also worked in the ward as a teacher in the Sunday School and Mutual. Many of the minutes found in the Primary records are recorded by her pen; showing her love and devotion for the work of the Lord.

She loved secretarial work and gave freely of her talents along this line, not only to the church but to the community. She taught private classes in shorthand and typing for many years.

In February 1956 mother became very ill with acute leukemia. Her friends and loved ones fasted and prayed to the Lord that her life might be spared, that she might live among us to teach and bless us with her knowledge, but as President Cummings said at her funeral, "She was appointed unto death." Mother passed away Monday April 16, 1956.

We know she would be pleased to know her name is recorded in the Book of Remembrance at the Primary Children's Hospital. This was done for her by the Primary Board of 1956, to show honor to her for the service she unselfishly rendered the organization.

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